

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join with me in supporting House Resolution 49 to express our heartfelt thanks for the life and service of Pamela Harriman and to convey our condolences and deepest sympathies to the Harriman family.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HAMILTON. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentlewoman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. I thank the distinguished gentleman for yielding. We all appreciate his leadership in the international role that this country plays.

To Ambassador Harriman, I am delighted to be able to say that she chose America. She chose America. She is certainly an international figure and a child of the world.

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We are delighted in her multicultural background, that she chose to adopt this country as her native land. She had her own values, but I can believe that she truly is one that believed in democracy, for in all of her activities she was involved in creating greater opportunities for democracy. She believed in diversity. She helped all of those who wanted to have a piece of the pie, and certainly, as she rose to the Ambassadorship of France, appointed by President William Clinton, she made Americans proud. And not only did she make us proud, she provided us and encouraged us to engage in peace.

My hat is off, my heart goes out to the family of Ambassador Harriman, and what I will say is that we will truly miss her but she is a grand lady, and she is truly a great American.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentlewoman from California [Ms. PELOSI].

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding this time to me.

I too want to rise to pay tribute to Ambassador to France Pamela Harriman. As I said earlier today, many of us in this body would love to have been at her funeral service today to give thanksgiving and to celebrate her great life, but duty called and we had to be on the floor for our legislation. Pamela would have understood that, committed to duty as she was.

I said in my 1 minute this morning, and I will repeat now, that in this body we have only two portraits. One is of George Washington, the father of our country; the other is of the Marquis de Lafayette, a friend of our independence, demonstrating our closeness to France. It was fitting then that we sent France our finest in the person of Pamela Harriman as our Ambassador.

I know it is a source of great pride to her family that she was eulogized by the President of France and given by him the highest honor that country can bestow. I know it was a source of great pride that she was eulogized by

the President of the United States and mourned by the First Family. I hope it is a comfort to Pamela's family that many in this body and in our great country mourn their loss, our loss.

To Pamela: Adieu, thank you and love.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCINNIS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 49

Whereas Pamela C. Harriman served her country ably as United States Ambassador to France from 1993 to early 1997;

Whereas during her tenure as ambassador Pamela Harriman worked tirelessly to bring closer together as strong allies and friends the United States and France;

Whereas Pamela Harriman worked throughout her adult life in the fields of politics and the arts, enriching the lives of all who knew her and all Americans;

Whereas during the Second World War Pamela Harriman endeavored to solidify relations among Britain, the United States, and France, contributing her knowledge and her efforts to making the alliance against Nazism a success;

Whereas as a wife and friend she gave strength and wise counsel to one of the great United States statesmen of this century, Governor Averell Harriman; and

Whereas until the very end of her life she was renowned as a woman of grace, wit, and charm: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Members of the House of Representatives—

(1) are grateful for the life and service of this great American; and

(2) join in conveying their condolences and deepest sympathies to the members of the family of Ambassador Pamela C. Harriman.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the resolution just agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

ELECTION AS MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 58) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 58

Resolved, That the following-named Members be, and that they are hereby, elected to

the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

To the Committee on Commerce: Frank Pallone of New Jersey to rank directly above Sherrod Brown of Ohio.

To the Committee on Resources: Ron Kind of Wisconsin.

To the Committee on Science: Ralph Hall, Texas; Bart Gordon, Tennessee; James A. Traficant, Jr., Ohio; Tim Roemer, Indiana; Robert E. (Bud) Cramer, Jr., Alabama; James A. Barcia, Michigan; Paul McHale, Pennsylvania; Eddie Bernice Johnson, Texas; Alcee Hastings, Florida; Lynn Rivers, Michigan; Zoe Lofgren, California; Lloyd Doggett, Texas; Michael Doyle, Pennsylvania; Sheila Jackson-Lee, Texas; Bill Luther, Minnesota; Walter Capps, California; Debbie Stabenow, Michigan; Bob Etheridge, North Carolina; Nick Lampson, Texas; Darlene Hooley, Oregon.

Mr. FAZIO of California (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1997, TO RECEIVE HIS EXCELLENCY EDUARDO FREI, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order anytime on Thursday, February 27, 1997, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting his Excellency, Eduardo Frei, President of the Republic of Chile.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1997

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, February 26, 1997, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 27.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.